PAKISTAN MEDICAL AND DENTAL COUNCIL

PM&DC MEDICAL AND DENTAL (ADMISSIONS, CURRICULUM AND CONDUCT) POLICY AND REGULATIONS 2026

NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers conferred under clause (f) of sub section (2) of section 9 and sub section (2) of section 47 of the Pakistan Medical and Dental Council Act, 2022 (Act No. 4 of 2023), the Pakistan Medical and Dental Council is pleased to make the following regulations, namely: **Medical and Dental (Admissions, Curriculum and Conduct) Policy and Regulations 2026**

CHAPTER I
PRELIMINARY

1. Short title, application and commencement.– (1) These regulations may be called the Medical and Dental (Admissions, Curriculum and Conduct) Policy and Regulations 2026.

(2) These regulations shall apply to all medical and dental undergraduate programs recognized by the Council in Pakistan, all registered medical and dental colleges and accredited teaching hospitals for imparting undergraduate education and house jobs, and, to the extent provided in Part F of Chapter II, to the admission, registration and exit of foreign nationals admitted to postgraduate medical and dental training in Pakistan.

(3) These Regulations shall apply to admissions commenced for the academic session 2026-2027 and thereafter. The Medical and Dental Undergraduate Education (Admissions, Curriculum and Conduct) Policy and Regulations, 2025 are hereby repealed:

Provided that such repeal shall not affect any admission, registration, proceeding, inquiry, penalty, right, liability or action lawfully made, accrued, incurred, commenced or taken under the repealed Regulations, which shall continue to be governed and concluded as if the repealed Regulations remained in force.

2. Definitions.– (1) In these regulations, unless the context otherwise provides,–

(a) "Act" means the Pakistan Medical and Dental Council Act, 2022;

(b) "Admission Committee" means a Committee notified by the Council for the purpose of enforcement of these regulations;

(c) "Admitting University" means the university entrusted with the responsibility under these regulations to conduct a centralized, provincial or regional medical and dental college admission test and make admissions in all public and private sector colleges of that Province / Region;

(d) "Board" means the National Medical and Dental Academic Board constituted under the Act;

(e) "Central Induction Policy" or "CIP" means the policy, notified by the competent authority, under which postgraduate training positions in public sector institutions are inducted, and "CIP-administering authority" means the authority responsible for administering that policy;

(f) "Council" means the Pakistan Medical and Dental Council constituted under the Act;

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(g) "Foreign National" or "Foreigner" means a person who–

(i) holds the nationality of a country other than Pakistan and does not hold Pakistani nationality and non-possession of live CNIC or NICOP is confirmed through NADRA; or

(ii) having held Pakistani nationality, has surrendered it by a declaration on Form "X", duly counter-verified with the National Database and Registration Authority (NADRA) and the Ministry of Interior;

and who, in either case, holds a valid passport issued by a country other than Pakistan and, after the offer of admission and before entry into Pakistan, obtains a valid visa or other lawful immigration or residence status entitling him or her to reside in Pakistan for the purpose of studies, and does not hold a live Computerized National Identity Card (CNIC), National Identity Card for Overseas Pakistanis (NICOP) or Pakistan Origin Card (POC), as confirmed by NADRA; and this definition shall apply uniformly for the purposes of the public and private Foreigners quotas under Part E, and the postgraduate Foreigners quota under Part F, of Chapter II;

(h) "Medical and Dental Colleges Admissions Test" or "MDCAT" means the medical and dental colleges admissions test as described in section 17 of the Act;

(i) "Migration" means transfer of a student from a recognized medical / dental college to another recognized medical / dental college in accordance with regulation 28;

(j) "Overseas / Dual National (Expatriate)" student means a Pakistani citizen permanently residing outside Pakistan in a foreign country who holds valid documentary evidence, including a permanent residence status such as a Green Card or Maple Card, a Pakistan Origin Card, or a valid long-term residence permit such as an Iqama, as applicable:

Provided that a student falling within the definition of "Foreign National" or "Foreigner" under these regulations shall not be treated as an "Overseas / Dual National (Expatriate)" for the purposes of the relevant admission quota;

(k) "PM&DC Admission Monitoring Committee" means the PM&DC Admission Monitoring Committee for the public sector constituted under regulation 13(6), or the PM&DC Admission Monitoring Committee for the private sector constituted under regulation 14(6), as the case may be;

(l) "Pakistani Student" means a student who is a Pakistani national and has completed FSc / HSSC or equivalent in Pakistan; and

(m) "Student Registration Fee" means student registration fee as described in regulation 18.

(2) The words and expressions used in these regulations, but not defined herein, shall have the same meaning as are assigned to them in the Act.

CHAPTER II

ADMISSIONS

PART A – GENERAL

3. Categories of seats.– (1) Admissions to undergraduate MBBS and BDS programs shall be made against the following categories of seats, namely:–

(a) open merit seats in public and private colleges, including the special category seats created within the allocated seats under regulation 6(4), in accordance with Part B;

(b) Self-Finance / Overseas Pakistanis / Dual Nationals (Expatriates) seats, being fifteen percent (15%) of the approved seat allocation of a public or private college and within that allocation, in accordance with Part C; and

(c) Foreigners quota seats, being ten percent (10%), shared equally between public colleges (5%) and private colleges (5%) and allocated over and above the approved seat allocation, in accordance with Part E.

(2) Verification and registration of students admitted against the seats in clauses (a) and (b) of sub-regulation (1) shall be in accordance with Part D; students admitted against the seats in clause (c) shall, in addition, be subject to Part G.

(3) Admission of foreign nationals to postgraduate training shall be in accordance with Part F and Part G.

4. Admission calendar and general conditions.– (1) The general principle to be applied shall be that admissions to medical colleges should be concluded prior to admissions of dental colleges, and admissions to the public sector colleges are concluded prior to admissions to private colleges.

(2) The final dates for completion of admissions shall be as under, or as otherwise notified by the Council:

Public Medical Colleges	31st December each year
Private Medical Colleges	31st January each year
Public Dental Colleges	15th February each year
Private Dental Colleges	28th February each year

(3) The final criteria for merit and admission including all category of seats shall be publicly announced by or before 1st September of each year. A copy of the criteria and categories shall be provided to the Council by 1st September of each year.

(4) Admissions to medical and dental programs shall be conducted separately and each student shall be required to apply separately to a medical or dental program. A student having not applied to a given program shall not be entitled to admission to such program.

(5) The admission process for every category of seats shall be conducted through an online portal and in a transparent manner, with the final merit lists and admission lists being provided to the Council for purposes of review and record on the date of issuance of the merit list and admissions list.

(6) The annual quota of Foreigners quota seats and Self-Finance / Overseas Pakistanis / Dual Nationals (Expatriates) seats shall not be carried forward to admissions of any subsequent year.

PART B – ADMISSIONS AGAINST OPEN MERIT SEATS (PUBLIC AND PRIVATE COLLEGES)

5. Eligibility for admission against open merit seats.– Any person seeking admission in any undergraduate medical or dental college in Pakistan against an open merit seat shall be eligible having fulfilled the following mandatory criteria:–

(a) have passed the MDCAT examination;

(b) obtained a Higher Secondary School Certificate qualification ("HSSC") or an equivalent 12th grade qualification recognized in Pakistan and having obtained a

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minimum of sixty percent (60%) marks therein, or a higher percentage as may be notified by the Pakistan Medical and Dental Council; and

(c) passed the mandatory subjects of biology and chemistry. The student may opt to qualify either physics or mathematics in the examination of the Higher Secondary School Certificate or an equivalent 12th grade qualification recognized in Pakistan:

Provided that the eligibility of candidates for Self-Finance / Overseas Pakistanis / Dual Nationals (Expatriates) seats and for Foreigners quota seats, including the alternatives to the MDCAT available to them, shall be as provided in regulations 8, 13 and 14.

6. Admissions process – public colleges.– (1) Each province, Gilgit-Baltistan and Islamabad Capital Territory as per the policy and standards approved by the Provincial Governments and Federal Government respectively shall conduct on the dates approved by the Council, a single admission test based on the intermediate or equivalent syllabus for all students seeking admission in undergraduate programs both in public and private medical and dental colleges and universities.

(2) National University of Medical Sciences (NUMS) shall be the Admitting University responsible for admissions in all Armed Forces-Administered medical / dental colleges / institutes. NUMS admission test shall be considered only for admission in all Armed Forces Administered medical / dental colleges.

(3) The government / admitting university shall formulate the merit and admission criteria for the public colleges as under:

MDCAT	50% weightage
F.Sc (Pre-Medical) / HSSC / Equivalent	40% weightage
SSC / Matriculation / Equivalent	10% weightage

(4) The government, within allocated seats, may create category of seats such as disabled candidates (up to 5%), backward areas / under-developed districts and reciprocal / good will seats etc. in the public colleges for purposes of admission in accordance with applicable law. Subject to regulation 5, no category shall be created which permits a student who has not qualified the MDCAT or admitted in violation of the fundamental principle of merit as mandatorily applicable under Article 37(c) of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, 1973:

Provided that the candidates must meet standard academic requirements (e.g., MDCAT and minimum FSc marks). Applicants with disabilities shall undergo medical assessment to determine the ability to perform essential functions of training, practice and suitability for disciplines based on functional limitations.

(5) If any public scholarship or funded program requires seats to be allocated for its program in public colleges, the respective admitting university responsible for such program shall seek and obtain the allocation of the required seats from the respective Provincial Government / Health Department in respect of public colleges administered by them by or before 30th November of each year. All quotas and special seats shall be adjusted within the approved seat allocation by the Council for the institution, save the public Foreigners quota seats under regulation 13, which shall be over and above the approved seat allocation:

Provided that seats for any program or scheme meant for foreign nationals shall be allocated only by the PM&DC Admission Monitoring Committee in accordance with regulation 13.

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(6) The merit lists shall be made public not later than 15th December and admissions to public medical colleges shall be completed by or before 31st December of each year. Admissions to all special category seats in public medical colleges not being on open merit shall be completed by 10th January of each year. The merit lists shall be made public not later than 10th February and admissions to public dental colleges shall be completed by or before 15th February of each year. Admissions to all special category seats in public dental colleges not being on open merit shall be completed by 28th February of each year.

(7) The final list of admitted students shall be made public by or before the applicable final date notified by the Council pursuant to regulation 4(2). Thereafter, upon final verification by the relevant universities with whom the college is affiliated the verified list shall be submitted by the university to the Council in the prescribed manner through PM&DC Online portal within thirty days of completion of the admission. No admission shall be entertained, nor any student shall be registered by the Council if not admitted by or before the applicable final date.

(8) No public college shall admit any student beyond the total seats allocated by the Council:

> Provided that students admitted against the public Foreigners quota under regulation 13 may be admitted over and above the allocated seats subject to such over and above admissions not being more than five percent of the total allocated seats of the college.

(9) The admissions in public-sector medical and dental institutions shall be completed by displaying at least three consecutive merit lists by the concerned Admitting Authority University. Institution-wise list of all the successful candidates shall be displayed on the website of the concerned Admitting University. In case of failure to deposit the prescribed admission fee within three working days of display of merit list on the website or notice board of the Admitting University such candidates shall have no vested right of admission in that year. The vacant seats occurring on account of non-deposit of prescribed admission fee within the stipulated period by selected candidates in first or second merit list shall be allocated to candidates who are next in merit, by displaying the third merit list. The candidates may be upgraded to another institution in the subsequent merit list based on merit and preference and the fee deposited by upgraded candidates in the previous institution shall be transferred to new institution without any deduction.

(10) Admissions on vacant seats shall be decided by the respective provincial government and respective authority in case of Gilgit-Baltistan and Islamabad Capital Territory. After closure of admission process, the Council shall notify a date to fill vacant seats. No admission shall be allowed on vacant seat after the notified date.

7. Admissions process – private colleges.– (1) In addition to the mandatory requirement of passing the MDCAT, admissions to private colleges recognized by the Council shall be conducted and completed by each of the private college from the merit list displayed by the admitting university.

(2) Each of the private college shall publicly issue the criteria and merit formulation as prescribed in the regulations for admissions as under:

MDCAT	50% weightage
F.Sc (Pre-Medical) / HSSC / Equivalent	40% weightage
SSC / Matriculation / Equivalent	10% weightage

(3) All colleges shall publicly prescribe tuition fee and all applicable fee and charges and make the same available on their college website in accordance with section 20(7) of the Act and provide a

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copy to the Council. In case of any violation reported to the Council, the matter shall be dealt in accordance with regulation 35.

(4) There shall be no admission which violates the fundamental principle of merit and all admissions shall be strictly on merit as per the merit criteria announced by the college and pursuant to the fundamental principle of merit as mandatorily applicable under Article 37(c) of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, 1973.

(5) The admission process shall be conducted through an online portal and in a transparent manner. Each college shall publicly open their admissions after announcement of MDCAT Results and on the date notified by the Council each year.

(6) Within 3 days after the closing date of admission applications, each college shall submit to the Council a provisional merit list of all students who have applied for the admissions.

(7) No college shall charge an application fee of more than Pakistan rupees two thousand from a student when applying for admission. Prospectus shall be placed on the official website of the college and no fee shall be charged under the head of prospectus charges.

(8) A student may apply to both public sector and private sector colleges.

(9) Each college shall issue a final merit list by or before 15th January after having completed all tests, interview etc. and taking into account results of MDCAT and other exam results for the purpose of calculating the merit. The final merit list shall include all students who have applied to the college and fulfilled the minimum merit requirements. The merit list shall be issued on the official website of the college and a copy shall be provided to the Council.

(10) The final merit list shall represent an offer by the college to the students on the basis of their merit against the allocated seats of each college. Any student not accepting the offer shall enable the next student in the merit list to avail of the offer. The offer and acceptance of admission shall be documented and duly communicated through email and / or courier.

(11) The admissions to private colleges shall be completed by or before the applicable final date notified by the Council pursuant to regulation 4(2) each year. The final list of admitted students shall be submitted to the Council in the prescribed manner through PM&DC Online Portal by each college by or before the applicable final date notified by the Council pursuant to regulation 4(2). Thereafter, upon final verification of student credentials by the relevant universities with whom the college is affiliated the verified list shall be submitted by the university to the Council in the prescribed manner through PM&DC Online portal within sixty days of completion of the admission. No admission shall be entertained, and no student shall be registered by the Council if not admitted by or before the final applicable date notified by the Council pursuant to regulation 4(2).

(12) Any allocated seat of a college which may remain vacant after the completion of admission shall remain vacant.

(13) A student when accepting admission to a college shall be under an obligation to disclose to the college if a prior admission has been accepted by them to any other college, and such student shall prior to accepting such later admission must in writing inform the prior college of cancellation of their acceptance with a copy to the designated email of the Authority. Failure by a student to cancel the prior acceptance of admission shall render all admission offers of the student as void and the student shall be ineligible for admission. All colleges shall ensure that they properly apprise and educate the applicant students of this provision as part of their admissions policy, prospectus and at the time of making an offer of admission.

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(14) No private college shall admit any student beyond the total seats allocated by the Council, save the seats of the private Foreigners quota allocated over and above the approved seats under regulation 14.

PART C – ADMISSIONS AGAINST SELF-FINANCE / OVERSEAS PAKISTANIS / DUAL NATIONALS (EXPATRIATES) SEATS

8. Quota and eligibility.– (1) There shall be a 15% Quota for Self-Finance / Overseas Pakistanis / Dual Nationals (Expatriates) which shall be applicable to both public and private medical and dental colleges within their approved seat allocation purely on merit. Cumulative seats for Self-Finance / Overseas Pakistanis / Dual Nationals (Expatriates) admission in medical and dental institutions shall not exceed fifteen percent of total allocated seats.

(2) No candidate shall be eligible for admission against the Self-Finance / Overseas Pakistanis / Dual Nationals (Expatriates) seats in public or private medical and dental institutions unless the candidate–

(a) falls within the relevant definition prescribed under these regulations, and is not a Foreign National;

(b) has passed Intermediate / FSc / HSSC / A-Level / 12th grade examination or equivalent from within or outside Pakistan, accompanied by an equivalence certificate issued by the Inter Board Committee of Chairmen (IBCC), with Chemistry and Biology as mandatory subjects and the rest as optional subjects, and has secured at least 60% marks in such qualification;

(c) has taken one of the following: the MDCAT examination, the SAT-II (with a minimum score of 550 in each subject), the Foreign MCAT examination, or the UCAT examination with at least 50% marks in the required subjects.

9. Admission process, fee and conditions.– (1) The admissions under this category shall be managed by the respective admitting universities, through the online portal, strictly on merit and within the final dates under regulation 4(2).

(2) Students admitted under this quota must complete their entire period of study within the same quota / category.

(3) The maximum annual tuition fee chargeable to candidates admitted under the Overseas Pakistani category shall be up to USD 15,000/-; though the institutions may charge up to USD 20,000 if duly justified by the institution and approved by the Council. The fee for students admitted under this quota will be collected in foreign exchange through a verifiable banking channel, remitted in the name of the student or a documented sponsor, evidence of which shall be furnished to the admitting university prior to registration. To this effect, each student will also be required to submit an undertaking or bond affirming that the terms and conditions of admission under this quota will remain applicable and unchanged throughout the entire course of study.

(4) Where any seat of fifteen percent Self-Finance / Overseas Pakistanis / Dual Nationals (Expatriates) quota remains vacant due to unavailability of eligible candidates or otherwise, it shall stand transferred to open merit quota and the student shall be charged fee and charges prescribed for open merit seat. An ineligible candidate shall not be admitted against such seats.

PART D – VERIFICATION AND REGISTRATION (OPEN MERIT AND SELF-FINANCE / OVERSEAS PAKISTANIS / DUAL NATIONALS SEATS)

10. Verification of credentials by affiliating university.– (1) The affiliating university shall be responsible for verifying the credentials of a student admitted by a college including the student's matriculation, HSSC or equivalent 12th grade qualification.

(2) The affiliating university after having verified the credentials shall register the students in its record and submit the final verified list of admitted students of each of its constituent or affiliated colleges to the Council through PM&DC Online Portal in the prescribed format within sixty days of the prescribed date for completion of admissions.

(3) The affiliating university shall be solely responsible for the verifications undertaken and its submission of the final verified list to the Council shall represent a certificate of such verification. The university shall cancel any provisional admission where the credentials of a student are not verified.

11. Registration of admitted student.– (1) A student admitted to a medical or dental college and whose admission is verified by the affiliating university shall be registered by the Council as a medical or dental student. Student registration shall be a mandatory pre-requisite for appearing in the first professional examination at all universities. This requirement will apply to both public and private sector medical and dental colleges. All institutions must ensure timely registration of their students to avoid potential withdrawal of recognition.

(2) The CNIC or NICOP, as the case may be, or, in the case of a Foreign National, the passport number, of the student shall represent the student's registration number and shall continue as the unique identification of the student throughout the period of the educational program and thereafter, for purposes of applying for licensing.

(3) The admitting university shall record, and the Council's online portal shall capture and display against each registrant, the specific admission category or quota under which the student was originally admitted, namely open merit, Self-Finance / Overseas Pakistanis / Dual Nationals (Expatriates), public Foreigners quota or private Foreigners quota.

(4) Regulation 10 and this regulation shall also apply to a student admitted against the Foreigners quota, subject to the additional requirements of Part G.

PART E – ADMISSIONS AGAINST FOREIGNERS QUOTA SEATS (UNDERGRADUATE)

12. Foreigners quota.– There shall be a 10% Quota for Foreigners, which will be shared equally (05% each) between public and private colleges, allocated over and above the seats approved by the Council for the college concerned. The public quota shall be administered under regulation 13 and the private quota under regulation 14, and both shall be subject to Part G. Only a Foreign National, as defined in regulation 2, shall be eligible against either quota.

13. Five percent Foreigners quota – public sector colleges.–

(1) **Nature of seats and nominating programs.** Five per cent (5%) of the total seats, over and above the approved allocated seats of the public sector medical / dental college concerned, shall be reserved as special-category seats for the following Federal Government programs or schemes established through bilateral / inter-governmental / inter-armed forces arrangements, and for no other, namely:–

(a) the Pakistan Technical Assistance Program (PTAP) of the Economic Affairs Division;

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(b) scholarship programs for foreign nationals administered by the Higher Education Commission under bilateral arrangements;

(c) Such other bilateral, inter-governmental / inter-armed forces arrangements, or scholarship program of the Federal Government as may be specifically identified by name in the annual notification issued by the Council under this regulation.

Provided that the Council shall publish, by the date notified for each academic session, a closed list identifying by name every program and nominating authority entitled to make nominations against the public Foreigners quota for that session. No nomination made under a program or by an authority not included in the notified list shall be entertained.

(2) **Allocation of seats.** The authority for each program under sub-regulation (1) shall seek and obtain the allocation of the required seats from the PM&DC Admission Monitoring Committee by or before 30th November of each year. The determination of the PM&DC Admission Monitoring Committee shall be binding on the admitting university / authority.

(3) **Eligibility.** No candidate shall be eligible for admission under this quota unless the candidate–

(a) is a Foreign National as defined in regulation 2, confirmed through NADRA; and, where the candidate is an expatriate who has formally renounced Pakistani citizenship, has submitted a declaration on Form "X", which declaration shall be counter-verified by the admitting university with NADRA and the Ministry of Interior before an offer of admission is confirmed;

(b) is nominated under a program listed under sub-regulation (1);

(c) holds a Higher Secondary School Certificate (HSSC), FSc, or A-Level qualification, obtained either within or outside Pakistan, and an equivalence certificate issued by the Inter Board Committee of Chairmen (IBCC), with Chemistry and Biology as mandatory subjects, and a minimum of 60% marks in the intermediate qualification;

(d) has qualified one of the following examinations: SAT-II (minimum 550 in each subject), Foreign MCAT, or UCAT (minimum 50% marks in the required subjects), or the MDCAT;

(e) holds a valid passport and, after the offer of admission and before entry into Pakistan, obtains a valid visa or other lawful immigration status under the laws of Pakistan, subsisting only for the duration of the program; and

(f) has obtained security and immigration-status clearance from the Ministry of Interior and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs:

Provided that the security and immigration clearance and the documentation required under this sub-regulation shall be completed, and confirmed by the admitting institution, before the foreign national enters Pakistan for the purpose of undertaking the program; and no foreign national shall be permitted admission or enrolment where such clearance and documentation is completed after entry into Pakistan.

Provided further that where the number of eligible nominees or applicants exceeds the seats available under the relevant Foreigners quota, selection shall be made strictly on comparative merit in accordance with objective criteria published before commencement of the admission process. Nomination under a participating program shall not, by itself, confer a right of admission.

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Provided further that the admitting authority may issue a conditional offer to an otherwise eligible foreign national solely for the purpose of enabling the candidate to obtain the prescribed study visa and security and immigration clearances. No admission shall be finally confirmed, no student shall be enrolled or registered, and no student shall be permitted to commence the program unless the prescribed clearances and lawful immigration status have been obtained, verified and recorded.

(4) **Admission process.** Admissions against this quota shall be managed by the concerned public sector admitting university as follows:–

(a) the nominating authority shall forward its nominations to the admitting university within the admission schedule notified by the Council;

(b) the head of the admitting institution shall ensure that all prescribed information and documents of each nominee are entered and uploaded on the Council's online portal before admission is granted;

(c) the admitting university shall verify the Form "X" declaration (where applicable) with NADRA and the Ministry of Interior, the academic credentials, IBCC equivalence, qualifying test result, passport and visa / immigration status;

(d) the admitting university shall refer each case, with the verified documents, to the PM&DC Admission Monitoring Committee, which shall make its determination on selection and on allocation of the college / seat under the program terms; such determination shall be binding on the admitting university;

(e) no allocation shall be made, and no offer of admission confirmed, unless the security and immigration clearance under sub-regulation (3)(f) and the NADRA counter-verification under sub-regulation (3)(a) have been obtained and recorded;

(f) admissions shall be completed within the timelines notified by the Council, including the dates for special category seats under regulation 6(6), and shall be subject to the limit in regulation 6(8); and

(g) the final list of admitted students shall be submitted to the Council through the online portal, and verification and registration shall follow regulations 10 and 11 and Part G.

(5) **Fee and conditions of admission.** Students admitted under this quota are required to complete their entire course within the same quota. The prescribed fee shall be determined according to the policy of the Government and the terms of the program concerned; the fee mechanism prescribed for the private Foreigners quota under regulation 14(5) shall not apply to these special category seats (such as under the Pakistan Technical Assistance Program), which shall continue to operate under the prevailing terms and conditions as decided by the Government. Any fee payable by or on behalf of the student shall be remitted in foreign exchange through a verifiable banking channel, in the name of the foreign student or a documented sponsor, evidence of which shall be furnished to the admitting university prior to registration. Furthermore, each student must submit an undertaking or bond affirming that the admission terms and conditions will remain applicable and unchanged throughout the entire duration of their study. A student admitted on a foreign seat shall pay the fee as a foreign student regardless of any change in status of such student during the program of study.

(6) **PM&DC Admission Monitoring Committee (public sector).** (a) There shall be a PM&DC Admission Monitoring Committee for public sector undergraduate and postgraduate admissions

of foreign nationals, and any other category as may be determined by the Council, to be constituted and chaired by the PM&DC, comprising the following:-

(i) Representative of PM&DC (Chairperson);

(ii) Representative of the admitting university / institution (Member);

(iii) Representative of the Surgeon General, Pakistan Armed Forces (Member);

(iv) Representative of the Ministry of Interior (Member);

(v) Representative of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Member);

(vi) Representative of the Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Training (Member);

(vii) Representative of the Ministry of National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination (Member);

(viii) Representative of the Ministry of Economic Affairs Division (Member);

(ix) Representative of the Higher Education Commission (Member); and

(x) Representative of the concerned Provincial / Regional Government or Health Department (Member).

(b) The functions of the Committee shall be to (a) allocate seats to the programs under sub-regulation (2); (b) clear each candidate before an offer is confirmed; (c) determine selection and college / seat allocation; and (d) decide any special case arising under this quota.

(c) A determination of the PM&DC Admission Monitoring Committee shall be binding upon the admitting university or institution unless varied, suspended or set aside by the Council in exercise of its powers under section 9(3) of the Act. No adverse order shall be passed without affording the person or institution likely to be affected a reasonable opportunity of being heard.

The PM&DC Admission Monitoring Committee shall regulate its own procedure:

Provided that-

(i) the quorum for a meeting of the Committee shall be two-thirds of its total membership;

(ii) the Committee shall record, in writing, its clearance or the reasons for withholding such clearance;

(iii) the Committee shall decide every reference within fifteen (15) days of its receipt; and

(iv) no admitting university shall confirm an offer of admission without the clearance of the Committee, and the clearance and determinations of the Committee shall be binding on all public and private medical and dental institutions and admitting universities admitting foreign nationals.

(7) **Exit strategy.**

(a) A foreign national admitted under this quota shall exit Pakistan within ninety (90) days of completion, discontinuation or cancellation of the program, save where separately eligible for, and admitted to, postgraduate training in accordance with Part F.

(b) The admitting institution shall, within fifteen (15) days of such completion, discontinuation or cancellation, certify the same, direct the student to depart from Pakistan within the period in clause (a), and report the same to the Ministry of Interior / Federal Investigation Agency through the Ministry of National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination, with a copy to the Council.

(c) The admitting institution shall certify to the Council and the Ministry of Interior the departure of the graduate from Pakistan, and the Council may require the institution to produce documentary proof of such departure.

(d) Where confirmation of exit is not received within the period prescribed in clause (a), the Ministry of Interior / Federal Investigation Agency shall place an appropriate alert against the student's visa or immigration record, and refer the matter for action under the immigration laws of Pakistan.

(e) Failure of an admitting institution to implement or report under clauses (a) to (d) shall be a ground for action against the institution under section 33 of the Act.

(8) **Other provisions.** Admission, registration, continuation of studies and stay under this quota shall be subject to Part G.

14. Five percent Foreigners quota – private sector colleges.–

(1) **Nature of seats.** The five percent (05%) quota in private medical and dental colleges shall be allocated over and above the total number of seats approved by the PM&DC for the respective medical or dental college.

(2) **Allocation of seats.** The allocation of seats under this quota shall be in accordance with the determination of the PM&DC Admission Monitoring Committee constituted under sub-regulation (6), whose determination shall be binding on the admitting university.

(3) **Eligibility.** No candidate shall be eligible for admission under this quota unless the candidate–

(a) is a Foreign National as defined in regulation 2, confirmed through NADRA; and, where the candidate is an expatriate who has formally renounced Pakistani citizenship, has submitted a declaration on Form "X", which declaration shall be counter-verified by the admitting university with NADRA and the Ministry of Interior before an offer of admission is confirmed;

(b) possesses an FSc, HSSC, 12th Grade, or equivalent qualification, with a minimum of 60% marks, and Biology and Chemistry as mandatory subjects, with an IBCC equivalence certificate where the qualification was obtained outside Pakistan;

(c) has qualified one of the following examinations: SAT-II (minimum 550 in each subject), Foreign MCAT, or UCAT (minimum 50% marks in the required subjects); foreigners residing in Pakistan may instead choose to take the MDCAT examination;

Provided that where the number of eligible nominees or applicants exceeds the seats available under the relevant Foreigners quota, selection shall be made strictly on comparative merit in accordance with objective criteria published before commencement of the admission process. Nomination under a participating program shall not, by itself, confer a right of admission.

(d) holds a valid passport and, after the offer of admission and before entry into Pakistan, obtains a valid visa or other lawful immigration status under the laws of Pakistan, subsisting only for the duration of the program; and

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(e) has obtained security and immigration-status clearance from the Ministry of Interior and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs:

Provided that the security and immigration clearance and the documentation required under this sub-regulation shall be completed, and confirmed by the admitting institution, before the foreign national enters Pakistan for the purpose of undertaking the program; and no foreign national shall be permitted admission or enrolment where such clearance and documentation is completed after entry into Pakistan.

Provided that the admitting authority may issue a conditional offer to an otherwise eligible foreign national solely for the purpose of enabling the candidate to obtain the prescribed study visa and security and immigration clearances. No admission shall be finally confirmed, no student shall be enrolled or registered, and no student shall be permitted to commence the program unless the prescribed clearances and lawful immigration status have been obtained, verified and recorded.

(4) **Admission process.** Admissions against the seats allocated under this quota shall be conducted by the respective admitting university, in consultation with and with the approval of the PM&DC Admission Monitoring Committee, as follows:–

(a) the candidate shall apply directly to the relevant admitting university against the 5% private Foreigners quota, through the online portal and within the admission schedule notified by the Council;

(b) the head of the admitting institution shall ensure that all prescribed information and documents of each applicant are entered and uploaded on the Council's online portal before admission is granted;

(c) the admitting university shall verify the Form "X" declaration (where applicable) with NADRA and the Ministry of Interior, the academic credentials, IBCC equivalence, qualifying test result, passport and visa / immigration status;

(d) the admitting university shall refer each case, with the verified documents, to the PM&DC Admission Monitoring Committee, whose determination on selection and college allocation shall be binding on the admitting university;

(e) no allocation shall be made, and no offer of admission confirmed, unless the security and immigration clearance under sub-regulation (3)(e) and the NADRA counter-verification under sub-regulation (3)(a) have been obtained and recorded;

(f) admissions shall be completed within the final dates for private colleges under regulation 4(2), and the final list of admitted students shall be submitted to the Council through the online portal; and

(g) verification and registration shall follow regulations 10 and 11 and Part G.

(5) **Fee and conditions of admission.** Students admitted under this quota shall complete the full duration of their course within the same category. The prescribed annual fee for students under this quota shall be up to USD 15,000, though institutions may charge up to USD 20,000 if duly justified by the institution and approved by the Council. The fee payable by a student admitted against the private Foreigners quota shall be remitted in foreign exchange through a verifiable banking channel in the name of the student or a documented sponsor, and evidence thereof shall be furnished to the admitting university before registration. Each student must submit an undertaking or bond confirming that the admission conditions will remain binding and

unchanged throughout their entire course of study. A student admitted on a foreign seat shall pay the fee as a foreign student regardless of any change in status of such student during the program of study.

(6) **PM&DC Admission Monitoring Committee (private sector).** (a) There shall be a PM&DC Admission Monitoring Committee for private sector undergraduate and postgraduate admissions of foreign nationals, and any other category as may be determined by the Council, to be constituted and chaired by the PM&DC, comprising the following:-

(i) Representative of PM&DC (Chairperson);

(ii) Representative of the admitting university / institution (Member);

(iii) Representative of the Surgeon General, Pakistan Armed Forces (Member);

(iv) Representative of the Ministry of Interior (Member);

(v) Representative of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Member);

(vi) Representative of the Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Training (Member);

(vii) Representative of the Ministry of National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination (Member); and

(viii) Representative of the concerned Provincial / Regional Government or Health Department (Member).

(b) The functions of the Committee shall be to (a) allocate seats under sub-regulation (2); (b) clear each candidate before an offer is confirmed; (c) determine selection and college allocation; and (d) decide any special case arising under this quota.

(c) A determination of the PM&DC Admission Monitoring Committee shall be binding upon the admitting university or institution unless varied, suspended or set aside by the Council in exercise of its powers under section 9(3) of the Act. No adverse order shall be passed without affording the person or institution likely to be affected a reasonable opportunity of being heard.

The PM&DC Admission Monitoring Committee shall regulate its own procedure:

Provided that-

(i) the quorum for a meeting of the Committee shall be two-thirds of its total membership;

(ii) the Committee shall record, in writing, its clearance or the reasons for withholding such clearance;

(iii) the Committee shall decide every reference within fifteen (15) days of its receipt; and

(iv) no admitting university shall confirm an offer of admission without the clearance of the Committee, and the clearance and determinations of the Committee shall be binding on all public and private medical and dental institutions and admitting universities admitting foreign nationals.

(7) **Exit strategy.**

(a) A foreign national admitted under this quota shall exit Pakistan within ninety (90) days of completion, discontinuation or cancellation of the program, save where separately eligible for, and admitted to, postgraduate training in accordance with Part F.

(b) The admitting institution shall, within fifteen (15) days of such completion, discontinuation or cancellation, certify the same, direct the student to depart from Pakistan within the period in clause (a), and report the same to the Ministry of Interior / Federal Investigation Agency through the Ministry of National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination, with a copy to the Council.

(c) The admitting institution shall certify to the Council and the Ministry of Interior the departure of the graduate from Pakistan, and the Council may require the institution to produce documentary proof of such departure.

(d) Where confirmation of exit is not received within the period prescribed in clause (a), the Ministry of Interior / Federal Investigation Agency shall place an appropriate alert against the student's visa or immigration record, and refer the matter for action under the immigration laws of Pakistan.

(e) Failure of an admitting institution to implement or report under clauses (a) to (d) shall be a ground for action against the institution under section 33 of the Act.

(8) **Other provisions.** Admission, registration, continuation of studies and stay under this quota shall be subject to Part G.

PART F – ADMISSIONS AGAINST FOREIGNERS QUOTA (POSTGRADUATE TRAINING)

15. Foreigners quota for postgraduate training.–

(1) **Quota.** One percent (1%) of the total postgraduate training positions, whether inducted under the Central Induction Policy or admitted under a university's own postgraduate admission policy, shall be reserved as a Foreigners quota for postgraduate training.

(2) **Eligibility.** No foreign national shall be eligible for admission against this quota unless the candidate–

(a) is a Foreign National as defined in regulation 2, confirmed through NADRA, and, where applicable, the Form "X" declaration has been counter-verified with NADRA and the Ministry of Interior;

(b) in the case of a medical applicant, holds an undergraduate medical qualification from an institution satisfying the ECFMG eligibility or accreditation pathway prescribed by the Council; and, in the case of a dental applicant, holds a dental qualification recognised by the competent regulatory authority of the country of qualification and satisfying such recognition criteria as may be prescribed by the Council

(c) holds a sponsor / admission letter and an active license to practice from the country of origin;

(d) holds a valid passport and, after the offer of admission and before entry into Pakistan, obtains a valid study visa;

(e) has obtained clearance from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Interior, which clearance and documentation shall be completed before the foreign national enters Pakistan for the purpose of undertaking the training; and

(f) fulfils the requirements of the Central Induction Policy or the admission policy of the concerned university, as the case may be.

(3) **Admission process.**

(a) Admission shall be made through the Central Induction Policy or the postgraduate admission policy of the concerned degree-awarding university, as the case may be,

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within the postgraduate admission / induction timelines prescribed by the Council in coordination with the CIP-administering authority and the concerned universities, which shall be strictly complied with in true letter and spirit.

(b) Before induction or registration of any foreign national, the CIP-administering authority or the concerned university shall refer the case to the PM&DC Admission Monitoring Committee under sub-regulation (5), and no offer of postgraduate admission shall be confirmed unless the clearance of the Committee has been obtained.

(c) Any special case arising in relation to the postgraduate Foreigners quota shall be placed before, and decided by, the PM&DC Admission Monitoring Committee.

(d) Every foreign national admitted for postgraduate training shall be registered as a student on the Council's online portal from the commencement of training, and shall obtain temporary registration for postgraduate training in accordance with the PM&DC Registration Regulations, 2023.

(e) No foreign national admitted for postgraduate training in contravention of the Council's prescribed timelines shall be registered by the Council, save where condoned by the Council for reasons recorded in writing.

(f) Failure of the CIP-administering authority or a university to observe the timelines shall be a ground for action against the defaulting institution under section 33 of the Act.

Provided that, where the default is committed by a CIP-administering authority which is not a recognized institution falling within the scope of section 33 of the Act, the Council may decline to recognize or register any admission made in contravention of these Regulations, call upon the concerned authority to furnish an explanation, and, where appropriate, refer the matter to the competent or controlling Government department for such action as may be deemed appropriate under the applicable law.

(4) **Fee.** A seat filled against the postgraduate Foreigners quota shall not be treated as a paid or self-finance slot, and no fee over and above the fee prescribed for a Pakistani trainee in the same program shall be charged from a foreign national admitted against this quota.

(5) **PM&DC Admission Monitoring Committee.** The PM&DC Admission Monitoring Committee constituted under regulation 13(6) shall exercise its functions in respect of postgraduate admissions under the Central Induction Policy and in public sector universities, and the PM&DC Admission Monitoring Committee constituted under regulation 14(6) shall exercise its functions in respect of postgraduate admissions in private sector universities; and in each case the representative of the admitting university shall be the representative of the CIP-administering authority or of the concerned degree-awarding university, as the case may be. Accordingly, the Committee shall comprise–

(a) for the Central Induction Policy and public sector universities: representatives of PM&DC (Chairperson), the CIP-administering authority or concerned university, the Surgeon General Pakistan Armed Forces, the Ministry of Interior, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Training, the Ministry of National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination, the Ministry of Economic Affairs Division, the Higher Education Commission, and the concerned Provincial / Regional Government or Health Department; and

(b) for private sector universities: representatives of PM&DC (Chairperson), the concerned university, the Surgeon General Pakistan Armed Forces, the Ministry of Interior, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Training, the Ministry of National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination, and the concerned Provincial / Regional Government or Health Department.

(c) A determination of the PM&DC Admission Monitoring Committee shall be binding upon the admitting university or institution unless varied, suspended or set aside by the Council in exercise of its powers under section 9(3) of the Act. No adverse order shall be passed without affording the person or institution likely to be affected a reasonable opportunity of being heard.

The PM&DC Admission Monitoring Committee shall regulate its own procedure:

Provided that–

(i) the quorum for a meeting of the Committee shall be two-thirds of its total membership;

(ii) the Committee shall record, in writing, its clearance or the reasons for withholding such clearance;

(iii) the Committee shall decide every reference within fifteen (15) days of its receipt; and

(iv) no CIP-administering authority or university shall confirm an offer of admission without the clearance of the Committee, and the clearance and determinations of the Committee shall be binding on the CIP-administering authority and every degree-awarding university running its own postgraduate program.

(6) **Reporting.** The CIP-administering authority and every university running a postgraduate program shall share with the Council, on a six-monthly basis, the position of foreign nationals admitted against their respective foreigner quota; and the Council shall, in coordination with them, review postgraduate admissions of foreign nationals against the prescribed timelines on a six-monthly basis.

(7) **Exit strategy.**

(a) A foreign national completing, discontinuing, or having cancelled postgraduate training, whether inducted under the Central Induction Policy or admitted under a university's own postgraduate admission policy, shall exit Pakistan within fifteen (15) days thereof.

(b) The concerned university or the CIP-administering authority shall obtain, or itself certify, confirmation of the trainee's exit from Pakistan and report the same to the Council and to the Ministry of Interior / Federal Investigation Agency through the Ministry of National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination within fifteen (15) days of the exit deadline.

(c) Where confirmation of exit is not received within the prescribed period, the concerned university or CIP-administering authority shall take appropriate action, including coordination with the Ministry of Interior / Federal Investigation Agency for placement of an appropriate alert against the trainee's visa or immigration record, and shall refer the matter for action under the applicable immigration laws of Pakistan.

(d) Failure of the concerned university or the CIP-administering authority to implement or report on the exit strategy shall be a ground for action under section 33 of the Act.

Provided that, where the default is committed by a CIP-administering authority which is not a recognized institution falling within the scope of section 33 of the Act, the Council may decline to recognize or register any admission made in contravention of these Regulations, call upon the concerned authority to furnish an explanation, and, where appropriate, refer the matter to the competent or controlling Government department for such action as may be deemed appropriate under the applicable law.

(8) **Other provisions.** Admission, registration, continuation of training and stay under this quota shall be subject to Part G.

PART G – PROVISIONS COMMON TO ALL FOREIGN NATIONALS (UNDERGRADUATE AND POSTGRADUATE)

16. Registration, continuation of studies and stay of foreign nationals.–

(1) **Admission timelines.** The admission timelines / schedule notified by the Council for the relevant academic session shall be strictly complied with, in true letter and spirit, by admitting institutions in respect of admissions made under the public and private Foreigners quota. No admission of a foreign national made in contravention of the notified timelines / schedule shall be registered by the Council, save where condoned by the Council for reasons recorded in writing. Non-compliance by an admitting institution with the notified timelines shall be a ground for action against the institution under section 33 of the Act.

(2) **Visa verification at registration and renewal.** In the case of a student admitted against the public or private Foreigners quota, the admitting university shall, at the time of registration and at each annual renewal during the course, verify the student's current, valid visa or immigration status with the Ministry of Interior, and shall report any lapse to the Council within fifteen (15) days.

(3) **False declaration.** An admission or registration procured on the basis of a false declaration on Form "X", a forged nationality or renunciation document, or a lapsed immigration status, shall be void *ab initio*, subject to notice and an opportunity of hearing and shall confer no vested right to continue the program, and may be cancelled by the admitting university or the Council, as the case may be, at any stage of the course.

Provided that where a student's visa or lawful immigration status lapses after admission, the institution shall report the lapse to the Council within fifteen days. The Council may suspend the student's registration or continuation in the program until lawful status is restored within such period as may be prescribed, and may thereafter cancel the registration after affording the student and the institution an opportunity of hearing.

(4) **No provisional or permanent registration; no house job.** No person admitted against the public or private Foreigners quota shall be eligible for a Provisional License, provisional registration or permanent registration with the Council, or to undertake house job, internship or any other form of compulsory clinical training in Pakistan. Temporary registration of a foreign national shall be confined to the categories (postgraduate training, demonstration of a specific skill or procedure, and institutional service in a missionary / charitable hospital), and subject to the pre-requisites and validity periods, prescribed under the PM&DC Registration Regulations, 2023, with private practice barred throughout. An institution enrolling a foreign national in house

job, internship or clinical practice in breach of this sub-regulation shall be liable to action under section 33 of the Act.

Provided that the admission or graduation under a Foreigners quota shall not, by itself, confer any entitlement to employment, independent clinical practice, full registration, permanent residence or continued stay in Pakistan. Any application for provisional or full registration shall be determined strictly in accordance with sections 36 and 37 of the Act, the applicable registration regulations and the applicant's lawful immigration status. Provisional registration, where granted in accordance with the Act, shall authorize only such supervised house job, internship or foundation training as is permitted by law and shall not authorize independent or private practice.

(5) **Responsibility of head of institution.** The head of the admitting institution shall be personally responsible for ensuring that all prescribed information and documents relating to a foreign national are accurately entered and uploaded on the Council's online portal prior to admission or enrolment, and for continuing compliance regarding such student's visa, immigration status and registration; failure to do so shall be a ground for action against the institution under section 33 of the Act.

(6) **Electronic monitoring.** The Council shall establish an electronic monitoring mechanism, in coordination with admitting institutions and the concerned Government authorities, to track, on a continuing basis, the admission, visa / immigration status, continuation of studies, completion of qualification, and departure from Pakistan of every foreign national admitted at the undergraduate or postgraduate level.

(7) **Residence and movement.** Every institution admitting a foreign national shall ensure that the student is informed of, and complies with, the residence, movement and reporting requirements lawfully imposed by the Ministry of Interior, the concerned provincial authorities or any other competent authority. The institution shall maintain such records and make such reports as may be required under the applicable Government policy or lawful direction.

(8) **Undertaking by admitting institution.** Every institution admitting a foreign national at undergraduate or postgraduate level shall, prior to admission, submit to the Council an undertaking in the form set out in Schedule I.

(9) **Undertaking by student.** It shall be mandatory for every foreign national granted a study visa for Pakistan to sign, before enrolment, an undertaking to abide by the Constitution, laws and applicable regulations of Pakistan; to use the visa solely for educational purposes; to refrain from participation in domestic political activities or affiliation with political parties / organizations; not to engage in rallies, demonstrations, political campaigning or activities affecting public order or the normal functioning of educational institutions; and to comply with any additional conditions imposed by the competent authorities under applicable law. It shall be the responsibility of the admitting university to obtain such undertaking from every foreign national before enrolment, to retain it on record and upload it on the Council's online portal, and to ensure compliance with it throughout the program; failure to do so shall be a ground for action against the institution under section 33 of the Act.

17. National security and public interest.–Notwithstanding anything contained in these regulations, the admission, registration and continuation of a foreign national shall remain subject to the applicable laws, policies and lawful security requirements of the Government of Pakistan. Where a competent Government authority communicates a security or immigration concern, the Council may, after affording an opportunity of hearing where the circumstances

permit, suspend or cancel the student's registration or continuation in the program and refer the matter to the competent authority for action under the applicable law.

PART H – FEES AND REVIEW OF ADMISSIONS (ALL CATEGORIES)

18. Student Registration Fees payable to Council.– (1) Every student admitted to a medical or dental college and registered with the Council shall pay to the Council annually a Student Fee as notified by the Council, either directly or through its college:

> *Provided* the Council shall notify each year the Student Registration Fee applicable to the students enrolled in the given year and such notified fee shall be applicable at the same rate to the student throughout their program and enrollment at the college.

(2) A registered student who either elects to leave the medical or dental program or is expelled from the college on account of failing to pass the professional exams or for any other reason shall have their Student Registration Fee paid treated as forfeited and no refund shall be claimed.

19. Payment and Charging of Fee by College.– (1) All Medical and Dental Colleges shall charge tuition fee only as approved by the PM&DC Council. The Council shall determine, review, and regulate such fees to ensure transparency and prevent exploitation. Any demand or receipt of unapproved fees shall constitute a violation of these regulations. The afore-mentioned fees shall be fixed for the entire duration of the program divided on an annual basis, which shall not be enhanced for the student during the entire duration the student remains in the program.

(2) Subject to regulation 15(4) notwithstanding scholarships granted to a student, the college may charge a higher fee from an Overseas Pakistani / Dual National (Expatriates) and Foreign Student as prescribed / notified by the PM&DC, in accordance with regulations 9(3), 13(5) and 14(5).

(3) A student shall have the right to pay the tuition fee on a quarterly, six monthly or annual basis to the college. A student paying the college on a six-monthly basis in advance shall be granted a two percent discount in the tuition fee and a student paying the college on an annual basis in advance shall be granted a four percent discount in the tuition fee.

(3A) No medical or dental college shall charge tuition fee or any other fee from a student prior to the commencement of the academic session.

(4) A college may require a student to obtain health insurance subject to the student having the option to acquire such insurance from its own sources or the insurance provider recommended by the college. No other insurance in terms of payment of fee shall be mandatorily imposed upon the student by a college. A college shall be at liberty to obtain any insurance to cover its risk of future fee / revenues without encumbering the student with the premium payable on any such insurance obtained by the college for its benefit.

(5) No student shall be required to provide any form of security for payment of fee by a college.

(6) A student who defaults in payment of tuition fee shall be liable to be expelled by the college subject to a reasonable period being granted to the student to remedy the defaulted fee. A college who expels a student on account of default in payment of tuition fee shall notify the Council within one week and the student's registration with the Council shall be cancelled permanently. A student expelled shall not be eligible to seek admission to any other medical or dental college for a period of one year.

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(7) If a student after having obtained admission seeks to leave the program, the college shall have the right to adjust the tuition fee already paid pro rata to the period spent by the student in the program along with a penalty not exceeding ten percent of the total annual fee:

Provided that no penalty shall be imposed upon a student who seeks to leave the program before the closing date of admission in the private medical / dental colleges as notified by the Council.

(8) A detained student shall be charged tuition fee in proportion to the number of failed subjects of that professional examination.

20. Review of Admissions Process by Council.– (1) The Council may either of its own motion or upon a complaint review the admissions process of each college during and on completion of the process where such process shall be completed by the Council within thirty days of the final date of admissions.

(2) If the Council finds any irregular admission having been made by the college, the Council shall have the right to cancel such admission subject to having granted both the college and the affected student a right to be heard.

(3) A student may submit a complaint to the Council in respect of any irregular admission made or admission invalidly refused by a college. Such complaint if made to the Council shall be heard and decided within fifteen days of the same being submitted after hearing both the complainant and the college:

Provided that the Admission Committee of the PM&DC is authorized to investigate and hear matters pertaining to admission process under these regulations and submit recommendations to the Council.

CHAPTER III
CURRICULUM

21. Curriculum of Undergraduate Programs.– (1) Each college and university shall strictly follow the curriculum for MBBS and BDS programs as formulated by the National Medical and Dental Academic Board and approved by the Council in pursuance of the respective degree programs.

(2) **Minimum Attendance and Passing Marks.–** Students already enrolled up to and including the academic session 2024-25 shall require 50% minimum passing marks and 75% minimum attendance, as stipulated at the time of their admission or enrolled in MBBS and BDS programs.

22. Teaching Methodology.– (1) Each university or college may formulate a syllabus based on the approved curriculum for the relevant MBBS or BDS program for purposes of teaching students at the college.

(2) A college may follow any teaching methodology as may be permissible by its affiliated university and subject to such methodology not being in conflict with any general teaching methodology structures prescribed by the National Medical and Dental Academic Board.

(3) All universities to whom medical or dental colleges are affiliated shall seek to as best as possible harmonize their programs over the duration of the program to ensure that students transferring from one college to another where both colleges are affiliated to different universities, are not at an unreasonable disadvantage in terms of the expected competencies required under the prescribed curriculum.

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23. Change in Curriculum.– In the event that the National Medical and Dental Academic Board recommends any major change in the curriculum of a program, upon approval by the Council, the altered curriculum shall be applicable to the students admitted in the next academic year after the altered curriculum is notified. All previously admitted students shall follow the earlier curriculum, unless otherwise prescribed by the Board subject to a prescribed methodology to ensure existing students are able to fulfill the altered curriculum requirements if the same are substantially in addition to the previously applicable curriculum.

CHAPTER IV
CONDUCT OF PROGRAM

24. Examinations & Results.– (1) Each professional examination shall be conducted by the affiliating university directly in terms of setting the examination and its checking and marking. No constituent affiliated or administer college shall be permitted to set the paper or mark the same.

(2) The professional examinations shall be conducted by each university and the results announced by or before 15th January of each year unless for reasons beyond the control of the university the examinations are delayed. Any delay in the examinations shall be informed in advance to the Council by the university.

(3) The results of each professional exam subject wise shall be provided to the Council by each university on the PM&DC online portal within ten days of the result having been announced.

(4) No student can be promoted to the higher classes unless he passes all the mandatory subjects of the previous classes.

(5) There should be no more than two professional university examinations in an academic year.

25. Opportunity to Retake Failed Examinations.– (1) Any student who fails to clear first or second professional MBBS examination each in four consecutive chances availed or un-availed shall be debarred from continuing medical / dental education in the subsequent professional examinations and re-admission throughout Pakistan. Similarly, any student who fails to clear first professional BDS examination in four consecutive chances availed or un-availed shall be debarred from continuing dental / medical education in the subsequent professional examinations and re-admission throughout Pakistan.

(2) In subsequent years a university may allow a student as many retakes as may be determined by the university subject to no student being required to pay to the college tuition fee in addition to the fee paid for the given year. A retake exam fee may be charged as may be determined by the university subject to being a reasonable fee commensurate with the taking of an examination.

(3) A student who fails to qualify a professional exam may be offered a retake opportunity in accordance with the rules of the affiliating university subject to:

(a) the student having qualified the retake and on re-joining their academic class shall be capable of completing the minimum study hours as prescribed under approved PM&DC curriculum; and

(b) if a student fails the retake offered and is detained and permitted by the university to repeat the academic year, the corresponding vacant seat occurring due to the repeating student shall remain vacant and not be filled through transfer of another student or any other means; and

(c) at all times the total strength of students in the college shall not exceed the gross total seats allocated for all applicable academic years of the program.

Explanation: a college allocated 100 students per year in the MBBS program shall mean to have a gross of 500 students in the entire MBBS program at any given time.

26. Gap after discontinuation of study.– Where any student has qualified a professional examination and discontinues his / her studies and desires to re-join his / her studies of the MBBS or BDS, within five years of his / her discontinuation, he / she may as one-time dispensation be allowed to continue his / her studies from the stage he / she discontinued his / her studies. In no case a student shall be allowed to continue study of MBBS or BDS after a gap of five years. In addition to the above a student re-joining the MBBS or BDS course after a study gap more than three years shall re-take his / her last professional examination subject to a degree being completed within a ten-year cumulative period.

27. Reporting of Students Leaving Program.– The college shall notify the university and the university shall notify the Council of any student having left or been removed from a program within fifteen days of such student having been removed from the program after recording reasons. The student registration with the Council shall stand cancelled on receipt of information from the university.

28. Transfer / Migration to Another Pakistani College.– (1) A student enrolled in any medical or dental college may transfer / migrate to another college in the same program at the same level to a vacant seat available in the college transferring / migrating to subject to any transfer / migration rules prescribed by the affiliating university and after submission of migration fee to the Council. Provided that no transfer / migration shall be allowed in the first 2 years of MBBS program and 1st Year of BDS program.

(2) All colleges, public or private, shall at all times publicly display any vacant seats available in each year of the program and shall inform the Council of such vacancy within fourteen days of such vacancy occurring. No transfer / migration can be accepted by a college to a vacant seat until the vacancy has been publicly displayed for at least fourteen days allowing for students to apply for transfer / migration to such vacancy.

(3) No college or university shall restrict a student's right to leave a college and transfer / migrate to another college. There shall be no restriction of acquiring of No Objection Certificate from the college, the student is seeking transferring / migrating out.

(4) The terms of transfer / migration shall be determined by the university regulating the college to which the student is seeking a transfer to.

(5) If no transfer rules are prescribed by a university, the college to which a transfer / migration is sought shall ensure that the transfer / migration is based on merit if more than one student applies for such transfer / migration.

(6) Unless restricted by the rules of a university, there shall be no restriction on transfer / migrate from a public to a private college or vice versa.

(7) There shall be no restriction of acquiring of No Objection Certificate from the college, the student is seeking transferring / migrating out.

(7A) Where a student, after obtaining admission, seeks migration to another medical or dental college, the college from which the student is migrating shall have the right to adjust the tuition fee already paid pro rata to the period spent by the student in the program. The college to which

the student migrates shall charge tuition fee only on a pro rata basis for the remaining period of the academic year.

(8) A college to which a student has transferred to and the college from which the student has transferred out shall inform the Council within fifteen days of such transfer of the occurrence of transfer.

29. Graduation.– The university and the college shall within ten days of the students having completed and qualified their final professional examination provide to the Council the verified list of students on the PM&DC Online portal who have qualified to enable the students to be eligible for grant of a Provisional License, save a graduate admitted against the public or private Foreigners quota, whose particulars shall be reported for the purposes of regulations 13(7), 14(7) and 16.

Provided that graduation under a Foreigners quota shall not, by itself, confer any entitlement to employment, independent clinical practice, full registration, permanent residence or continued stay in Pakistan. Any application for provisional or full registration shall be determined strictly in accordance with sections 36 and 37 of the Act, the applicable registration regulations and the applicant's lawful immigration status. Provisional registration, where granted in accordance with the Act, shall authorize only such supervised house job, internship or foundation training as is permitted by law and shall not authorize independent or private practice.

CHAPTER V
HOUSE JOB ADMISSION

30. Eligibility for House Job.– A student having been verified by the university to have qualified his final professional exam and successfully completed the program of study shall be eligible for grant of a Provisional License and shall have the right to be admitted to the house job program offered by teaching hospitals accredited and recognized by the Council for conduct of house job programs:

> Provided that a foreign national holding a Pakistani MBBS or BDS qualification obtained under the foreign quota category shall not be entitled to a Provisional License or to undertake house job, internship or any other form of compulsory clinical training in Pakistan. No medical or dental institution shall enroll, appoint or permit such foreign national to undertake house job, internship or clinical practice in Pakistan in violation of these regulations.

31. Admission to House Job.– (1) Each graduating student eligible for a house job shall have a right to seek and obtain admission to a house job program with the teaching hospital affiliated to the college from which the student has graduated. The affiliated teaching hospital shall not refuse admission to its own graduated student applying for a house job. A graduate of a teaching hospital may apply or notify their college of intention to do their house job in the affiliated teaching hospital at any time up to ten days from the announcement of the final result.

(2) An eligible student may, in addition to the college it graduated from, apply to any teaching hospital accredited and recognized by the Council for conduct of house job program.

32. Payment of Stipend to House Officers.– (1) Every public teaching hospital shall pay a stipend to each house officer as prescribed by the Provincial or Federal Government under whose control the public teaching hospital operates.

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(2) Each private teaching hospital shall pay a stipend to a house officer being not less than the stipend payable to house officers of public sector hospitals of that province / territory.

33. Conduct of House Job.– (1) A house job shall be for a minimum one year period and shall be mandatory for being eligible for grant of a Full License.

(2) A house job shall consist of full time and structured training as specified by the National Medical and Dental Academic Board and approved by the Council to be conducted by faculty having the minimum qualifications prescribed by the National Medical Dental Academic Board.

34. Reporting of Results and Certification of Completion of House Job.– (1) The teaching hospital shall issue on the successful conclusion of the house job a certificate confirming that the house officer has satisfactorily completed the mandatory house job modules as prescribed and containing confirmation of which modules / rotations were completed by the house officer and grading obtained.

(2) The teaching hospital shall submit the completion certificate to the Council within ten days of completion of the house job by the house officer.

CHAPTER VI
PENALTIES & REPORTING

35. Penalties.– The Council shall impose a penalty as prescribed and provided for in Appendix I for violation of any provisions of these regulations. In the event a specific penalty is not provided for any violation, the Council may determine the penalty for such violation and if approved the same would be imposed notwithstanding that such penalty was not provided for in Appendix I. Such penalties should be imposed only after notice and an opportunity of hearing.

36. Reporting Format Online.– Every university, college and student shall submit information, certificates, results, verifications, applications and all other communications required under these regulations to the Council through PM&DC Online Portal in the prescribed format. No submission made other than in the prescribed format and through PM&DC Online Portal shall be entertained and failure in this regard may result in imposition of a penalty.

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APPENDIX I

Pursuant to regulation 35

No.	Violation	Penalty
1	Admission Beyond Allocated Seats (Over Admission)	100% Actual fee charged / to be charged from each student for each year (MBBS / BDS Program) to be paid by the institution and double reduction of seat / seats for the next session.
2	Irregular Admission	100% Actual fee charged / to be charged from each student for each year (MBBS / BDS Program) to be paid by the institution and reduction of seat / seats for the next session.
3	Late Fee (Student Registration)	For Public: Rs. 150 per student per month For Private: Rs. 300 per student per month Expiry of Challan: one month
4	Non-Payment of Fee	As prescribed in regulations otherwise penalty equivalent to 50% of the payable fee.
5	Delayed Registration of Students	Rs. 50,000 per student
6	Delayed Reporting of Graduation	Rs. 75,000 per student
7	Delayed Reporting of Annual Exam Results	Rs. 30,000 per student
8	Delayed Reporting of Transfer or Leaving Student	Rs. 100,000 per student
9	Delayed Reporting or publication of Merit and Admission list	Rs. 500,000 and Rs. 50,000 per day of delay
10	Failure to comply with permissible student Fee and charges	Rs. 200,000 per violation
11	Other Violations of Regulations	As determined by the Council from time to time. Violations relating to foreign nationals, including admission without clearance of the PM&DC Admission Monitoring Committee, failure to report a visa / immigration lapse or the exit of a student or trainee, and admission outside the notified timelines, shall fall under this entry, without prejudice to action under section 33 of the Act.
12	General Penalty	Repeated violations established after due process may be taken into account by the Council in determining whether grounds exist for stoppage of further intake or initiation of proceedings under section 33 of the Act. No penalty imposed under this Appendix shall, by itself, operate as suspension or withdrawal of recognition.

SCHEDULE I

[See regulation 16(8)]

UNDERTAKING BY ADMITTING INSTITUTION
Foreign National Students (Undergraduate and Postgraduate)

I, _____, _____ (Head of Institution) of _____ ("the Institution"), a PM&DC-recognized medical / dental institution, undertake on its behalf as follows:

1. The Institution shall not confirm any admission offer, undergraduate or postgraduate, under any Foreigners quota, without prior clearance of the PM&DC Admission Monitoring Committee, and shall treat the Committee's determinations as binding.

2. The Institution shall verify every candidate's Form "X" declaration with NADRA and the Ministry of Interior, and obtain Ministry of Interior / Foreign Affairs security clearance, before the candidate's entry into Pakistan.

3. The Institution shall ensure every admitted foreign national holds a valid passport and visa for the duration of the program, and shall accept private-quota fees only through a verifiable banking channel.

4. The Institution shall strictly follow PM&DC-notified admission timelines, and verify each student's visa / immigration status at registration and annually thereafter, reporting any lapse to the Council within 15 days.

5. The Institution acknowledges that admission based on false declarations or forged documents is void *ab initio*, and that no foreign-quota graduate may obtain provisional / permanent registration or engage in private practice.

6. The Institution shall certify each graduate's / trainee's program completion and departure to the Ministry of Interior / FIA within 15 days, and ensure the student exits Pakistan within 90 days (undergraduate) or 15 days (postgraduate) of completion, discontinuation or cancellation.

7. Where a postgraduate Foreigners quota (1%) applies, the Institution shall charge no extra fee and shall apply the same security, verification and PM&DC Admission Monitoring Committee safeguards.

8. The Head of Institution shall be personally responsible for accurate PM&DC portal data, and the Institution shall fully cooperate with the Council's electronic monitoring mechanism.

9. The Institution shall require foreign students to reside at designated premises, obtain prior permission and report to the DPO before any travel, and maintain movement records.

10. The Institution acknowledges that admission and stay of foreign students remain subject to Government of Pakistan security policy, and that breach of this Undertaking is actionable under Section 33 of the PM&DC Act, 2022.

This Undertaking shall remain binding on the Institution.

Name: _____

Designation: _____

Institution: _____

Date: _____

Signature & Seal: _____

Pakistan Medical & Dental Council Islamabad